

Please add the following new claims:

11.3 A host cell according to claim 6, wherein the recombinant expression vector further comprises a restriction site to facilitate insertion of the heterologous coding sequence.

12. A host cell according to claim 6, wherein the promoter, enhancer and complete 5' untranslated region including the first intron of the hCMV-MIE gene are linked directly to the heterologous coding sequence.

13. A host cell according to claim 6, wherein the recombinant expression vector further includes the translational initiation signal of the hCMV-MIE gene.

14. A host cell according to claim 6, wherein the recombinant expression vector is pCMGS, pEE6.hCMV or pHT.1.

32 15. A process for the recombinant production of a heterologous polypeptide comprising culturing a host cell according to claim 11.

16. A process for the recombinant production of a heterologous polypeptide comprising culturing a host cell according to claim 12.

17. A process for the recombinant production of a heterologous polypeptide comprising culturing a host cell according to claim 13.